

**Lyons, R.A., "Passive Smoking and Hearing Loss in Infants," Ir Med J 85(3): 111-112, 1992.**

This study investigated the possible relationship between exposure to ETS and hearing deficits and abnormalities of the eardrum in 87 10-month-old infants from a "socially deprived" area. The author reported that exposure to ETS was associated with 4.9 times the risk of hearing deficits and that approximately 75% of the cases of hearing loss were statistically attributable to ETS exposure. The author concluded that "the results of this study lend further weight to the hypothesis that exposure to cigarette smoke is a cause of hearing deficits in children."

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